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## Eire Taxation Relief

Dublin, Feb. 24.—The new Eire Government has taken its first step to redeem a promise of reduced taxation made during the general election.

A statement issued tonight announced that duties on tobacco, beer and entertainment imposed in October are to be removed.

No mention is made of increased duties on wines, spirits, furs and cosmetics, the road-tax on motor cars, and stamp duties on estates.

The present Government is a coalition formed by Mr John Costello after the defeat of Mr Eamon de Valera.—Reuter.

## PALESTINE COMMISSION

### PI Delegate Resigns

Lake Success, Feb. 24.—Senator Vicente Francisco, Philippine delegate, said today he has resigned from the United Nations Palestine Commission.

Francisco's resignation followed the disclosure last week of growing friction within the five-member commission which has the task of partitioning the Holy Land.

He said he would continue to serve on the commission until his government names a successor. His resignation was sent to Manila four days ago, Francisco said, but had not yet been accepted when he confirmed it here.

#### SLOW PROGRESS

Francisco said he resigned because the progress of the Commission has been much slower than he had expected when he accepted the post. Because of pressing private business in Manila, he said, it is impossible for him to remain away from home any longer.

Francisco is known to have differed sharply with several other members of the Commission on some issues. He denied he resigned because of the internal friction in the Commission's secret meetings.

"My associations with all members of the Commission have been harmonious," he said. "They are all sincere and competent men."

Francisco is majority floor leader in the Philippine Senate and one of the leading criminal lawyers in the Philippines. He said he has had several legal cases postponed until March and April and that it is necessary for him to get home to handle them.—Associated Press.

### Steamer Missing

Stockholm, Feb. 24.—The 550-ton Swedish steamer, Ivan, bound for the Baltic port of Stölpundö from Malmö, Southern Sweden, was tonight missing on her 200-mile voyage.

Stölpundö is in the area of Germany which was handed over to Poland under the Potsdam Agreement.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Education In Hongkong

UPWARDS of 200,000 children are now being educated in Hongkong, which figure tells the story better than any words of the remarkable effort made by the Education Department, and Chinese private schools, in bringing the Colony's educational facilities to a level hardly surpassed in the pre-war years. And this, despite the fact that neither King's College nor Queen's College any longer exist, and in the face of formidable obstacles such as difficulty of providing accommodation, staff shortages and lack of equipment. Today the education of something like 6,000 children is directly under the supervision of Government another thirteen or fourteen thousand are being taught in Grant-in-Aid schools, and yet a further 20,000 or more are students of schools subsidised by the authorities. These are striking figures, indicative not only of the manner in which education has found its feet since the Liberal, but of the important position which schooling now occupies in the affairs of the Colony. The only question in doubt is whether Government appreciates this importance. Reference to the 1947-48 estimates reveals that only about five percent of the total expenditure has been allocated for education, including personal emoluments. This can hardly be described as excessive generosity. Education in Hongkong should be regarded as one of the principal services to the community. If for no other reason than that the money ex-

## UNITED STATES DECLARES ITS POLICY ON PALESTINE

### Urges Security Council To Begin Consultations

Lake Success, Feb. 24.—The long-awaited United States policy on Palestine was laid down here today with a declaration that the Security Council should at once begin consultations with the Palestine Commission, with Britain, and with representatives of the Jews and Arabs, at New York, in an effort to reach agreement on the General Assembly's plan for partition.

Mr Warren Austin, the United States delegate, making this recommendation, also said that the Security Council must first of all determine whether there is a threat to international peace in the Palestine situation.

He proposed that the Security Council establish a committee made up of five of its permanent members to look into the question of a possible threat to international peace. He urged also that the Council call upon all governments and peoples to assist in the prevention and reduction of disorders in Palestine.

Mr Austin declared: "The United States, as a member of the United Nations, will continue to deal with the question of Palestine in conjunction with other members."

"The United States policy will not be unilateral. It will conform to, and be in support of, the United Nations action on Palestine."

"It is of first importance to the future of the United Nations that the precedent to be established by action taken in this case be in full accord with the terms of the Charter under which we operate."

"In considering whether or not the situation in Palestine is a threat to international peace, the Council should consult with the United Kingdom, which, as the mandatory power, is responsible for the protection of Palestine."

Under the Charter, he said, the Council was responsible for determining the existence of any threat to peace.

**COUNCIL MUST ACT**

If it makes such a determination with respect to the situation in Palestine, the Council is required by the Charter to act.

**MORTAR SHELLS FIRED INTO POLICE COMPOUND**

Jerusalem, Feb. 24.—Jewish mortars threw three-inch shells into the Palestine police compound just before noon on Tuesday.

One of the shells hit a post office nearby and another blasted the roof of a small building in the police billets area.

There were no casualties. The mortar blast set off the alarm sirens for the second time. The first alert followed the roadmanning of a Jewish bus being used to haul bread to the beleaguered Mekor Haim settlements in the Jerusalem outskirts.

Rifle and automatic fire have been heard throughout Jerusalem most of the morning. A series of bursts punctuated the "All clear" signal after the mortar attack.

Police officially said the three-inch mortar shells came from the Jewish area of Jerusalem which was shattered by a bomb at dawn on Sunday.

Rescue workers are still digging into the debris of the Atlantic Hotel and engineers are planning to haul down some of the walls made treacherous by the force of the blast.

A Jewish Agency spokesman told a news conference:

"There is no doubt in our minds that the Ben Yehuda bombing was perpetrated by British personnel. Therefore it is important that the Education Department should not only be given as free a hand as possible, and all the support it needs, in developing educational facilities to the full, but should also be directly represented on the Colony's governing councils. From the general public point of view education holds as much importance as public works, health, sanitation and medical services, and it seems reasonable that a departmental spokesman should be in attendance at these meetings where policy is decided upon and approved. Education has still to expand considerably in Hongkong before it can claim to be functioning at its maximum, and as this is a matter which concerns the Unofficials as much as Government, it appears to be logical as well as practicable for them to receive as much possible first-hand information from the Director of Education concerning future developments, their estimated cost in terms of dollars and their estimated value in terms of public service."

This makes the death toll since partition 1,370.—Associated Press.

**SEEK COMPENSATION**

It was disclosed that Ben Yehuda Street, merchant, damaged by the attack, have formed a committee to approach the government for repayment of losses "since we feel the government should bear the full financial responsibility."

A government spokesman said one mortar bomb landed just outside the maternity ward of the government hospital but did little damage. The hospital is a few yards from police headquarters.

One Arab was killed and two injured in a stolen gun attack on a Jewish bus as it sped through the Jewish Montefiore quarter of Jerusalem. Police said five Arabs, including one child, were killed and nine injured when their convoy was fired on by a passing Jewish convoy near Gaza. Four deaths were reported previously.

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### Third Degree Accusations

London, Feb. 24.—An accusation that British and Allied officers used third degree methods against Germans at the Bad Neuenahr Interrogation camp in Germany was made in the House of Commons today by a Labour Member, Mr Richard Stokes.

He said he himself had visited the camp, where he found men in cells 10 degrees below zero.

"To my certain knowledge, one man had his legs frozen off."

Four British Allied officers concerned with the allegations of ill-treatment are awaiting court martial.

Another Labour Member, Mr Thomas Driberg, asked what disciplinary action had been taken against a British officer and non-commissioned officer who had beat up Herr Werner Kleindienst, a 20-year-old German student.

Mr Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister, replied that the officers' conduct was "improper and unworthy of the British Army."

They had been reprimanded and transferred to other duties or in one case released from the Army.—Reuter.

### DRAIN ON \$ RESERVES CONTINUES

#### Bad News For Britons

London, Feb. 24.—The Government disclosed tonight that its efforts to reduce the drain on Britain's gold and dollar reserves failed during January.

The Government spokesman, Lord Pakenham, told the House of Lords that the drain on the reserves rose from £48 million in December to £57,500,000 in January.

He added, however, that this was not a "characteristic figure".

But, writes Sydney Campbell, *Editor, Financial Times*, this result is worse than was expected. It had not been supposed that the net January drain would exceed about £50,000,000.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, tonight underlined the importance of stopping this drain. He said that during the period of Marshall aid, Britain would need the backing of a gold and dollar reserve for the trade of the sterling area to maintain the confidence of the rest of the sterling area and the world which was essential to any world stability in trade.

"Indeed, the general security position in Palestine has degenerated very seriously since the resolution of the General Assembly was passed on November 30 last year," he said. "This deterioration, due to a lack of restraint by both communities inside Palestine, has been aggravated by the activities of groups beyond the borders—the intrusion of armed Arab bands, and on the Jewish side by the continuance of illegal immigration.

"In endeavouring to control this situation, British civil and military personnel have suffered a heavy toll of life and property."

"Nevertheless, the British forces have, on frequent occasions, kept the contending factions apart, have suppressed much violence, have controlled the frontiers, and have prevented open civil war."

"Since the resolution of November 30, my Government have provided the Palestine Commission with a large body of information to enable it to take up the responsibilities assigned to it by the United Nations.

#### POSITION EXPLAINED

"It is essentially because of the difficulties of security, and the dangers of divided responsibility in Palestine under present conditions, that the mandatory power, faced with specific threats by the Arabs, could not agree to open a port to Jewish immigration, could not agree to the progressive transfer of areas to the Commission's administration or to the formation of a militia under the control of the provisional government of the future Jewish State."

"Nor could my Government extend the period of overlap, during which the United Nations Commission would be present in Palestine, while the responsibility for security and administration still rested with the mandatory power."

"Notwithstanding all those obstacles, the mandatory administration has made some progress in the devolution of powers to local Jewish and Arab authorities, in the creation of police forces drawn from both communities, and in the transfer of control over vital services."

The Chancellor later told a delegation representing staffs employed in Government offices that the proposals from Civil Service trade unions for the gradual introduction of equal pay for women could not be applied at present.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr Harold Wilson, today signed 14 new orders bringing more than 160 articles of everyday use from umbrellas to radios under a more rigid price control.

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#### ANTI-INFLATION MOVES

In one of several moves today in the home front battle to stop inflation, the national organisation of the Wholesale Distributors agreed to cooperate in the voluntary reduction of profits and prices. It formed four sub-committees to draft details of a scheme for the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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The demand for a new appeal to Britain came from Mr C. G. Power, Air Minister during the war, whose son was captured at Hongkong, after Mr King had stated he was prepared to make public evidence which had been given before a Canadian Commission.

The British authorities, he said, had not been able to agree to the publication of telegrams which related to the international situation in the Far East, as they belonged to a class of communication framed on the basis that they would not be published.

The authorities in London stated that inter-governmental correspondence should in future remain confidential.

Mr King told the House that it was now hoped that the British

## U.S. Calls For Elections In South Korea

Lake Success, Feb. 24.—The United States today called for an immediate election in South Korea to establish a National Government despite the United Nations Korea Commission report that it did not support such a step.

The American delegate, Mr Philip Jessup, told the Little Assembly: "We believe that this will provide the Korean people with their best chance to establish a stable government, reflecting the will of the majority."

"The United States has not wished,

and does not wish, to perpetuate the arbitrary division of Korea along the 38th Parallel, due to the opposition of the Soviet authorities, the result would nevertheless be that two-thirds of the Korean people would have elected their proportional share of the members of a Korean National Assembly."

"One-third of the Korean people would have been denied the opportunity to seat their representatives in that Assembly."

"The Korean people and all the world would know who had denied them that opportunity."

Mr Jessup submitted a resolution to the Assembly, declaring that it was encumbent on the Commission to implement an election programme in such parts of Korea as are accessible to the Commission.

#### CHINESE SUPPORT

Dr T. F. Tsien, the Chinese delegate, said: "Members of the Commission feel that they should do nothing to crystallise the division between the North and the South. We should be very careful in our examination of any course of action which we may adopt with particular reference to this point of Korean unity."

"I cannot conceive of any better way for the United Nations to make a contribution to the independence and unity of Korea than the course of action which the General Assembly resolutions set forth."

"Lest there be any misunderstanding on this matter, I wish to make it perfectly clear that my delegation and Government do not wish to see such National Government adopt an anti-Soviet policy."

"On the contrary, we would like to see Korea do all it could to cultivate the best friendly relations with Russia."

Today's American request for immediate elections in South Korea—while American forces have occupied since the end of the war with Japan—came after reports from the Russian-occupied northern half that Northern Korean "People's Army" had been created and a "Democratic People's Republic" declared.

This announcement was believed in Washington to have been made to embarrass the Chairman of the United Nations Commission, who is due to report to the Little Assembly next week on the Russian refusal to allow the Commission into Northern Korea to prepare for national elections.

The American State Department, however, refrained from commenting pending a clarification of the situation.—Reuter.

### FLIGHTS CONTINUE

He said: "Not only military transports, but also civilian planes are maintaining regular flights between Mukden and other cities. The Chinese Air Force Headquarters never issued any order to suspend flights."

General Chang-Tso-hsiang, one of the veteran Manchurian leaders, on arrival here yesterday said that the Manchurian situation though critical was not hopeless and the only remedy lay in successful military operations.

Mr Mo Teh-hui, State Councillor, predicted large-scale military operations in Manchuria with the advent of spring. He urged the Government to make every effort to gain control of the railway lines and areas, and not be content to hold a few points.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the Ministry of National Defence denied as "entirely untrue" the American news agency report that Chinese Air Force planes have stopped flights to Mukden.

### Vote Of Confidence

Paris, Feb. 24.—The French National Assembly gave the Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman, his sixth vote of confidence today by 301 votes against 275—a majority of 26.

The vote was on the Cabinet's decision to refuse a bill calling for the repayment of the withdrawn 5,000-franc notes.—Reuter.

## Canadians Still Want Full Report On Hongkong's Fall To Be Published

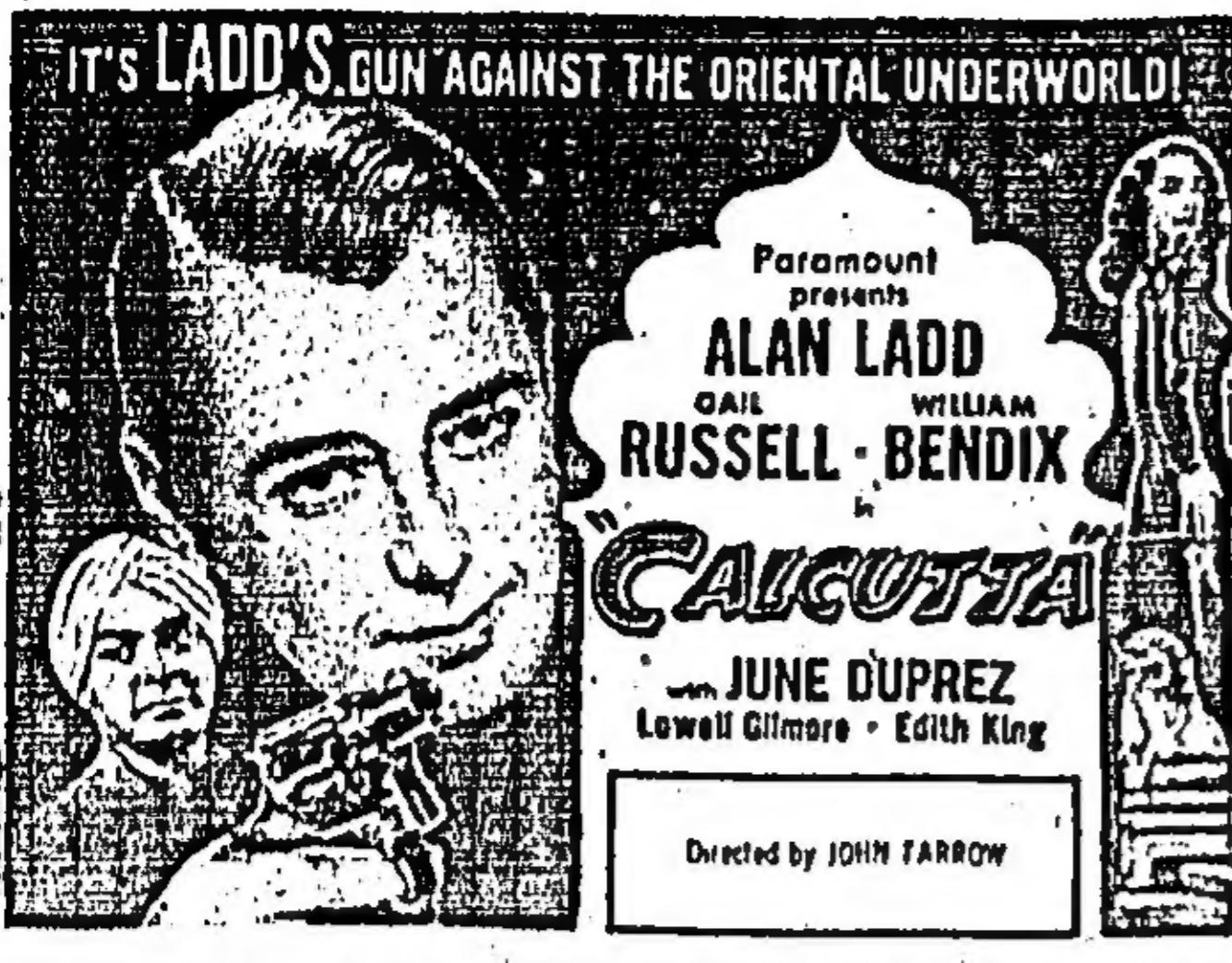
Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Mr Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, agreed in the House of Commons here today to ask the British Government to reconsider its objection to publication of some parts of the report of the 1942 Royal Commission which investigated the fall of Hongkong in 1941.

M. Karel Liskek, of Czechoslovakia, Chairman of the Palestine Commission

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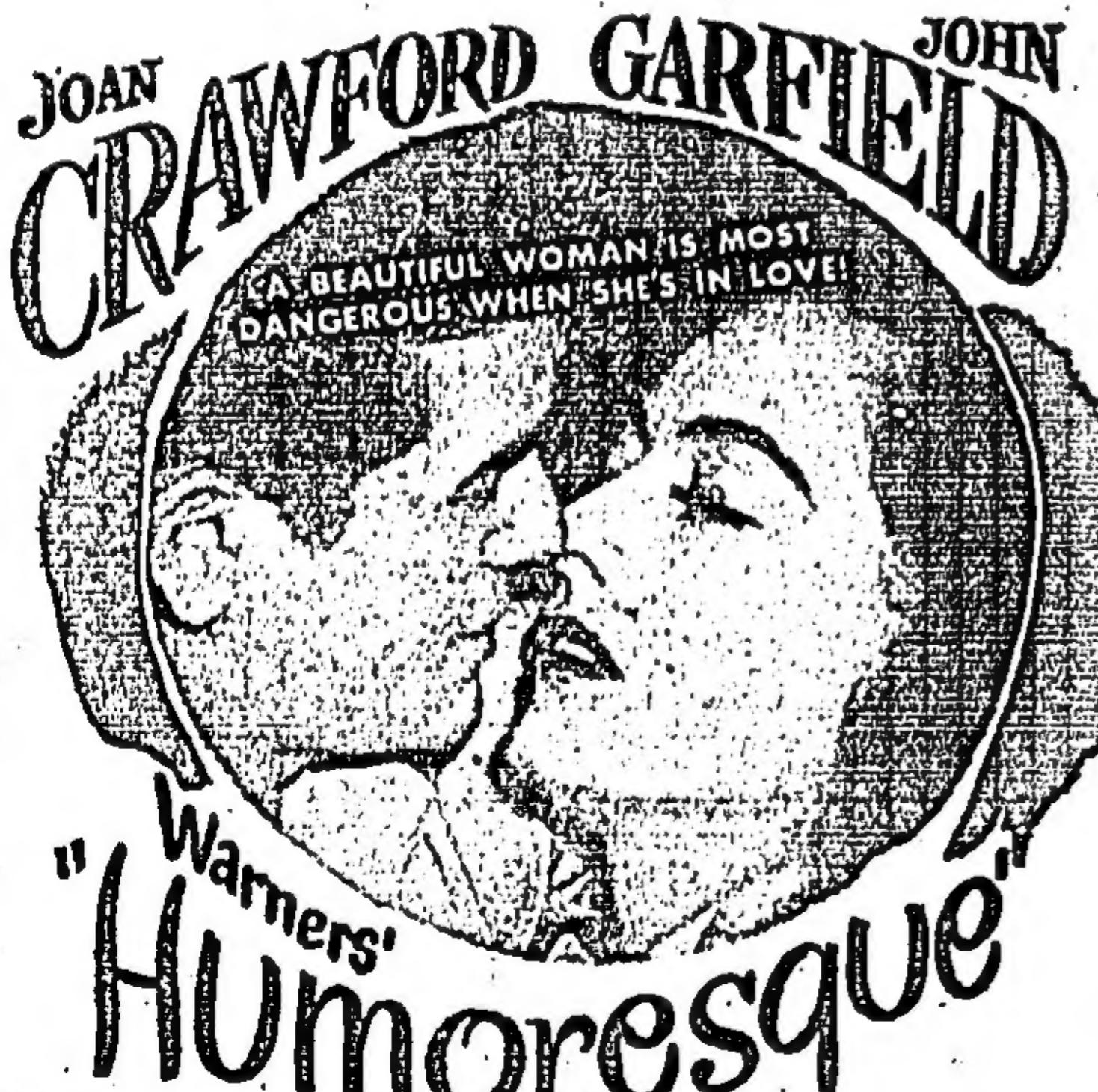
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in **"EASY TO WED"****JAP ROMANTIC SUICIDES**

By Ernest Hobrecht

ROMANTIC Japanese couples are finding that the course of democratic love does not always run smoothly. Many are turning to the traditional "double suicide" as the only solution to their troubles.

Police estimated that nearly 10 percent of the 103 suicides in Tokyo in 30 days were "love suicides."

Japan's teen-agers thought the Golden Era had arrived when the new "democratised" civil law went into effect in January. The new law says boys 18 and girls 16 may get married without their parents' consent if mutually in love.

It was a revolutionary change, since it opens the way for love marriages in place of family arranged unions.

The cold fact of the situation is that young hearts still are not absolutely free.

## TRADITIONS SURVIVE

Many prospective brides and grooms find they cannot beat Japan's feudalistic traditions which grew up around the centuries-old "family system."

Technically, the new civil law abolishes the family system.

Yet lovers find that the law exists more in theory than practice. For hundreds of years, papa or some elder relative has been running the show, and the jitterbugging new generation is finding that the "head of the family" has little inclination to release the reins.

Strong-headed youngsters who marry without permission sometimes find that their parents threaten to disown them. The children still do not know that the new civil law won't mean a thing. The only commodities of value will be a house to live in, clothes to wear, enough to eat off without a yen. So young men and women dreaming of a "new style" love marriage are reluctant to face economic insecurity and the loss of family ties.

Caught between the old and the new, couples are seeking a solution through "shinju"—the double suicide of love.

Sometimes a boy and a girl go to a small inn and die in each other's arms after taking poison. Other times they leap off cliffs into the sea or into a volcano.

The crater of Mount Miura, on Oshima Island, is a favourite place for such suicides.

The lovers end their lives in the Buddhist belief that in the next life they will be united. The practice is praised rather than condemned in Japanese sentimental literature.

## LAWS CHANGED

Under the new law, a wife has greater protection than ever before, once she is married. No longer can her husband just kick her out against her will. There must be court proceedings before the romantically inclined male can take on a new bride.

The old days are gone. No longer can a husband walk down to the

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Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

**Sitting on the Fence**

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

REPORT from the Cornell University:-

"Cannibalism has been the adjuster of the food supply to the population, and of the population to the food supply. Furthermore, it tends to improve the diet. Historically, it cannot be overlooked, but currently it cannot be discussed in polite society..... It is a case where a social gain has been achieved at the expense of a nutritional loss."

CHARLES: You look lovely tonight. Positively delicious.

CELIA: Don't say things like that, Charles. Not these days. It sounds quite frightening.

CHARLES: I didn't mean anything horrid—really I didn't.

CELIA: But you must be hungry, poor darling.

CHARLES: I'm starving.

CELIA (sighing): I simply don't know what we're going to do. There's nothing to eat at all, anywhere.

CHARLES: Except people.

CELIA: Oh, Charles—I could never do that. Never. I'd rather starve to death, wouldn't you?

CHARLES (looking thoughtfully at her): I don't know.

CELIA (shrinking away): Charles, you wouldn't.... you weren't thinking?

CHARLES: Of course not, darling. We love each other, don't we? (still looking thoughtfully at her). You're losing a lot of weight.

CELIA: Well, you always liked skinny women, didn't you?

CHARLES: I used to.

CELIA: Charles, I wish you wouldn't look at me like that. It reminds me of something I'd almost forgotten, the way farmers looked at cattle.

CHARLES: We're all beginning to look at each other like that.

CELIA: But not me, Charles, please.

CHARLES: No, not you, darling. There are plenty of other people.

CELIA (quietly): Charles, let's starve rather than that.

CHARLES: But I don't like starving, Celia. The Government's sanctioned it to preserve the race, or part of it. Only a few squirmish people like us are standing out. And if we go on standing out, you know what will happen to us—before we get too thin.

(Celia rises and walks about the room in an agitated manner. Charles watches her).

CHARLES: After all, it's not much worse than eating pigs. I once met a pig with big brown eyes and long lashes.

(Celia stops suddenly in her walk).

CHARLES: That wasn't funny. It was in filthy bad taste.

CHARLES: Oh, I'm sorry, Celia. I wasn't thinking of your big brown

eyes and long lashes, really I wasn't. This pig's eyes were reddish brown, not velvety brown like yours.

(Celia continues her agitated walk).

CHARLES: As this is a question of survival, I think we ought to take a more rational view of the whole business. I remember years ago an American chap said, "Cannibalism has been the adjuster of the food supply to the population, and of the population to the food supply." Well, he was right. Nobody goes hungry now, except us.

CHARLES: This American chap said, "Cannibalism tends to upgrade the diet." Well, look at your Uncle Edward since....

CELIA: Stop it, Charles.

CHARLES: I won't stop it. Let's face the facts. Your Uncle Edward is looking fitter than he's ever looked before. And what's more, there's much more room in that overcrooked house of his now that—well, now that there are fewer people in it.

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CHARLES: Oh, don't be silly, Celia. It's absolutely painless.

CELIA: Do you mind if I open the window?

CHARLES: Not a bit. It's getting rather hot.

(Celia opens the window and makes a sign to Uncle Edward, who approaches through the garden carrying a sack.)

CHARLES: Celia.

CELIA: Yes, Charles.

CHARLES: You know I love you, don't you?

CELIA: Of course, Charles.

CHARLES: And you love me?

CELIA: You know I do.

CHARLES: You once said you would do anything for me—literally anything. Did you mean it?

CELIA: I did.

(Uncle Edward is now at the window and climbing stealthily through.)

CHARLES: Come over and sit beside me, Celia.

(Celia walks over and sits beside him.)

CHARLES (taking her hand): Celia.

CELIA: Yes?

CHARLES: I'm terribly hungry, Celia.

CELIA: Poor darling.

CHARLES: You look so delicious. Did I tell you that before?

CELIA (smiling): Even before the food shops were empty.

(He puts his arms round her as Uncle Edward creeps up on them with the sack.)

CHARLES: Poor Celia. Getting thinner every day.

CELIA: Poor Charles, getting hungrier every day.

CHARLES: Do you know what I'm thinking?

CELIA: I expect so.

CHARLES: What are you thinking?

CELIA: The same.

CHARLES: And you don't mind?

CELIA: Not now.

CHARLES: I couldn't bear anybody else.

CELIA: Nor could I.

(Uncle Edward makes a sudden spring at Charles, puts the sack over his head, and holds him still.)

UNCLE EDWARD (to Celia): Dinner tonight at 7.30.

CELIA: I can hardly wait.

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## Party conversation

MARGARET's father says the

day we can distill whisky from

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**Woman's BEAUTY ARTS**

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Posed by Louis Albritton for Lois Leeds.

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**"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"**

"Dear Lois Leeds—What exercise can I do to get taller? I am 5 feet, 2 inches and I hate it! I weigh 104 pounds.—LUCIE."

Height cannot be gained by exercise. Every now and then we hear of someone who gains height by exercise but I have never seen these results. Make up your mind to be your type, to dress for it and cultivate your "five feet, two" personality. It is useless to waste time in wishing!

"Dear Lois Leeds—I am 50 years old, have my own income and home. Every time I buy a dress in anything but black my married sons and daughters hold a meeting, saying that I am frivolous and an 'old fool.' What do you think?—MAL."

I think you have a mean and ungrateful set of sons and daughters. Just refuse to listen to them! Buy any colour that you like and cultivate friends of your own age. Just don't even visit your ungrateful brood. Have a good time!

"Dear Lois Leeds—Is cold water as effective for rellining tissues as is a skin lotion?—K. T. M."

No. An astringent has certain blended ingredients which are very effective for stimulating circulation and "refining" the pores.

**Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE****BOT DON'T LIKE THAT NEW LOOK**

Though feminine interest in the "New Look" clothes is 100 percent, the Board of Trade are not so keen ("Hideous," says Parliamentary Secretary Holman).

This is one of the dresses at a London show which many women liked, but which made a Board woman official raise her eyebrows.

*It's a Night and Day makeup that you need when you makeup by daylight and dine under the stars! Carry a bit of rouge and powder and a Night-Rite lipstick to touch up your daytime makeup.*

*Check Your Knowledge*

By Galbraith



*The Perkinses called off their party because the children have chicken pox, so I'm having all the guests over here—I don't want that whole afternoon I spent in the beauty shop wasted!*

**400,000,000 Tons of Debris Estimated As Air Toll In Germany**

Some 400,000,000 tons of debris is the toll of the air war on German towns and cities in the four occupation zones of Germany. That is the total estimated by German experts, although even now exact statistics are not available for all the places that were attacked.

**PARIS FILM VOGUE**

Perhaps it is because life is so difficult today, a Frenchman remarked recently, that France is enjoying a vogue of films laid around the turn of the century.

A skillfully assembled collection of ancient news shots, assembled by a woman, Nicole Vedrez, and titled "Paris 1900," will be shown to the public shortly. It covers the period 1900-1914.

Shots taken nearly half a century ago show a conversation in the Luxembourg Garden between Paul Valery and Andre Gide, the painter Renoir, and the police capture of a "desperate" anarchist, Maurice Chevalier, Mistlinguette, Sera Bernhardt and Lucien Guiry, father of Sacha, also figure in the film. Claude Dauphin is the commentator.

Mme. Vedrez has written books on the cinema but this is not her first film.

Even older films will be assembled by Georges Sadoul, leading movie historian, who will collect a number of little movies made around 1895. They were taken by French cameramen sent all over the world by Louis Lumiere, one of the early French film inventors. The film will be appropriately entitled "Fin-de-siecle."

**£5,900 FOR R.A.F. CHARITIES**

Over £5,900 has been received for Royal Air Force charities as a result of a number of RAF stations being at home to members of the public during Battle of Britain Week last year.

This amount has been divided equally between the RAF Benevolent Fund and the Royal Air Forces' Association, whose appreciation and thanks have been conveyed to all concerned.

**JAP ROMANTIC SUICIDES**

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local ward office and have his wife's name struck from the family records.

A few years ago, a Tokyo wife returned unexpectedly to the city and found her husband with another woman. Apparently the husband thought he could find happiness with his new love only in the next life. The husband and the "other woman" took poison in a double love suicide.

An American GI and his Japanese sweetheart took poison and died together in a small Shinto shrine.

In another case, a Japanese girl poisoned herself and her American boy friend who was scheduled to return to the United States. The only way she could hold him was to take him into the next life with her.—United Press.

**Check Your Knowledge**

1. What country produces the most gold in the western hemisphere?

2. In what country were Hispano-Suiza automobiles manufactured?

3. Name the largest desert in the world.

4. Name the only king in Europe who retained his throne throughout World War II.

5. When were submarines introduced into the United States Navy?

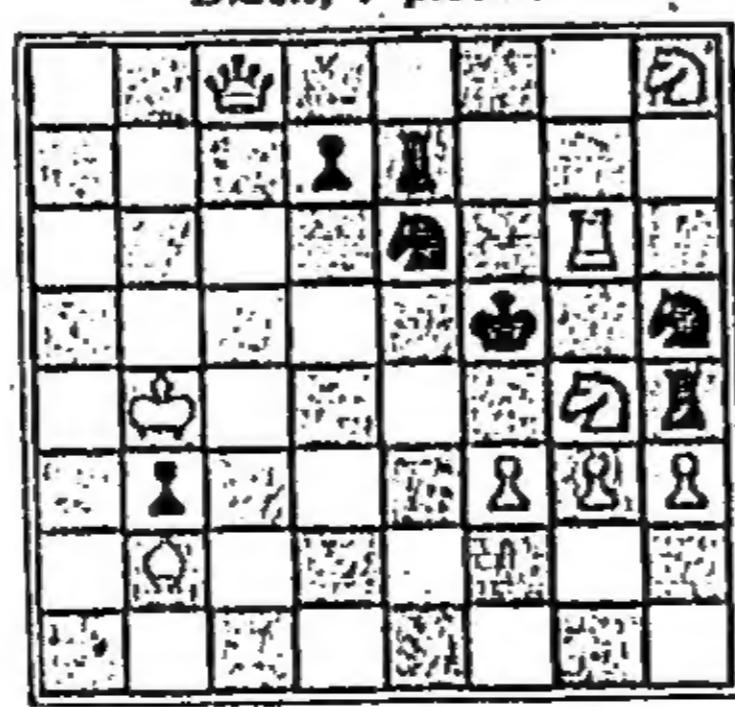
6. Name the least densely populated country in the world.

(Answers on Page 4)

**CHESS PROBLEM**

By A. L. ROTINJAN.

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**DUMB-BELLS**

REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE.

THAT CHICKEN NO GOOD!  
YOU SOLD ME FOR DINNER  
BIRD WON THE FIRST PRIZE AT  
THE POULTRY SHOW TEN YEARS IN  
SEQUENCE

**McKENNEY ON BRIDGE**

Grand Slam Cold! But It's Down 2

♦ K	♦ 62
♦ KJ 10 9 6	♦ J 10 9 5
♦ A Q 10 7	N E
5	J 8 6 6
♦ 5 3	4 3 2
♦ 8 7 5 4 3	S
♦ None	None
	Dealer
	♦ 8 7 4 3 2

Mrs. Schellenberg

♦ None

♦ AKQ J 10 9 7 4

♦ A Q

♦ AK Q

Rubber—Neither vul.

South West North East

2 Pass 2 N.T. Pass

3 ♥ Pass 4 ♦ Pass

7 ♦ Pass Pass Pass

Opening—♦ 4

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THIS is not the first time I have said that sometimes players complain of hard luck on a hand when poor bidding or misplay on their part was the real cause of the trouble. But this was certainly not true with today's hand, which was played at the Mayfair Bridge Club in New York. This club is owned by Harry J. Fishbein and Mrs. Ralph H. Schellenberg. Fishbein is one of the country's strongest players, but Mrs. Schellenberg seldom plays bridge except to fill in occasionally.

She picked up today's hand while glancing around the room to see if the games were started and if anyone wanted her place. Somebody said, "It's your bid." When she took a look at her hand (South), she almost dropped the cards.

Her great maestro had taught her that on a hand in which there was a sure game, she should open with a two-bid, which she did, and she proceeded to bid the hand very well.

West considered doubling seven hearts but decided against it. When he led the four of diamonds, Mrs. Schellenberg turned to him and said, "If you had doubled, I would have redoubled."

She called a small diamond from dummy, and when East trumped, Mrs. Schellenberg gasped, "Do you mean to say you have no diamonds?"

"No diamonds," said East.

A club was returned, declarer played the queen, and West trumped.

Now Mrs. Schellenberg had good reason to complain of hard luck. Down two on a hand that actually had 18 cold tricks, and against an opponent who refused to lead an ace against a seven bid!

You will notice that if West had led the ace of spades, declarer would have made seven-odd...so I think you will agree that this is perhaps the greatest "hard luck" hand of 1947.

**NEW RECORDS**

GOOD singing is to be found in the folk songs, "Foggy Dew," "The Plough Boy," and "Come ye not from Newcastle," sung by Peter Pears with Benjamin Britten at the piano (HMV DA 1073). Woody Herman and his Four Chimps, with Frank Sinatra in his versions of "That's my desire," and "There is no greater love," (Columbia DB 2356). And you will enjoy Dorothy Seeger singing "I'm in the Mood for Love," and "I'm Gonna Hold You in My Arms," with an orchestra directed in grand style by Billy Reid. (Parlophone F 2257). ROBERT TREDDINICK

**Rupert's Silver Trumpet—10**

When his letter is finished Rupert reads it carefully and runs to the cellar-boy-to-pass it just as Algy and Willie come hurrying up.

"I hope it won't be so large that I can't see the top of it!"

"And I've asked for a good loud trumpet," laughs Algy. "We must be careful where we do our practising," says Rupert. Just then Dinkie the Cat strolls up again and stands staring intently into the hedge.

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22. Bee 1 Down.

Down 1 and 2. Symbolic of the British flag. (3, 4, 5, 6)

2. Not brave to do so discerning.

3. Sounds as though ♦ may quieten the lady before showing anybody in. (3)

4. In which industry turves cell by cell. (3)

5. Fancy finding it in a board room. (3)

6. His name seems to return to him. (4) 7. Put off. (6)

8. Sort of thing you may do after long work. (3)

9. Oaths of dark rulers. (5)

14. Anyone gets this as they grow up. (5)

16. Something to become moulding. (3)

17. Not at home. (4)

21. Wife. (3)

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10. The first 10. (3)

11. The first 11. (3)

12. Sounds a nice animal. (3)

13. Unpleasantness. (3)

14. Dive for a change. (3)

15. Who would give a fak for darning? (3)

16. Intended to be miserly. (3)

Across

1. It is often used as tinder. (3)

2. You expect the muse to be this. (3)

11. This may be the first signs of cold or of flight. (3)

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# Marshall Aid Leads To War

HENRY WALLACE

Washington, Feb. 24.—Mr Henry Wallace, third party Presidential candidate, told correspondents here today that he believed the Marshall aid plan would "complete the split of Europe" and eventually lead to war.

He was answering questions after attacking the plan in evidence before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today.

Mr. Wallace said: "I do feel that the European recovery programme would lead to war."

Asked why he opposed the union of Western Europe, Mr. Wallace said: "I am human, and I suppose I am against it because Mr Churchill is for it. I admit there are certain geographical factors to recognise, but I see the proposed union as formed against Russia. I have no objections to it if it has the proper safeguards."

He added that to obtain Russian co-operation, America must have "a new approach, including new faces in the executive branch of the government."

Asked what a new President should do, Mr. Wallace replied: "There should be a meeting between the President and Generalissimo Stalin, with diplomatic and economic experts to cover their differences in detail."—Reuter.

## Nordic Countries In

Oslo, Feb. 24.—Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Iceland have decided to take part in the Marshall aid plan and in the proposed working committee for furthering economic co-operation between the 16 countries which attended the Paris Economic Conference, the Nordic Ministers announced tonight at the end of their meeting here.

These four Scandinavian governments agreed that a successful Marshall plan "will be of decisive importance for European reconstruction."

Their representatives—the Foreign and Trade Ministers of each country, the Danish Minister of Economics and the Norwegian Minister of Industry—agreed that they "shared the same view on the problems the Marshall plan seeks to solve."—Reuter.

## Germany In Union

The Hague, Feb. 24.—Germany could not be excluded from a Western Union, Baron Van Beetzelen, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said in Parliament today.

There was no doubt, he said, that Britain wanted to include "a recovered Germany in the Union."

Dutch wishes on Germany, he declared, had been neglected no opportunity of pointing this out.

He warned against too much propaganda for federalism in Europe, saying that the question needed serious study.

Wherever possible, Holland would consider the realisation of federalism within the Charter of the United Nations.—Reuter.

## Three-Power Talks

London, Feb. 24.—The talks between Britain, the United States and France on the future of Western Germany continued in London today without any decision being reached, a French embassy spokesman stated tonight.

He refused to disclose further information. No communiqué on the meeting was published.—Reuter.

## VICTORIA CLUB CALLOVERS

London, Feb. 24.—The first official callovers on the "Spring Double"—the Lincolnshire Handicap and the Grand National—took place at the Victoria Club here today.

The prices quoted were as follows: The Lincolnshire: 16 to 1 Clarion taken and offered; 22 to 1 Kinsale offered; 25 to 1 taken; 25 to 1 Cressacup offered; 28 to 1 taken; 25 to 1 Flexton, Philadelphia and Providential, all offered; 28 to 1 Clipper taken and offered; 28 to 1 Commissar offered; 33 to 1 taken; 33 to 1 Patsie Saint taken and offered; 33 to 1 Lucky Jordan offered; 40 to 1 Patchouly, Alpine Royal and Bees Gorse, all taken and offered; 40 to 1 Querne Ville offered; 50 to 1 Lord Nelson, Bellemere, All Red and Saladin, all taken and offered; 50 to 1 Donbar offered.

The Grand National: 100 to 1 Ven Roinond taken and offered; 100 to 6 Rowland Roy and Silver Frame, both taken and offered; 20 to 1 Revelry taken and offered; 22 to 1 Klaxton taken and offered; 26 to 1 Weevil taken and offered; 33 to 1 Cloncarro and Lougheen, both offered; 33 to 1 War Risk offered; 40 to 1 taken; 40 to 1 Prince Regent, taken and offered; 40 to 1 First of the Dandies offered; 50 to 1 taken; 40 to 1 Caughoo and Halcyon Hours, both offered; 50 to 1 Lovely Cottage, Happy Home, House Warmer and Jock, all offered.—Reuter.

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## WAR CRIMES TRIALS CRITICISED

Westover, Massachusetts, Feb. 24.—Judge Charles Wennerstrum, the United States war crimes judge who presided at the last Nuremberg court which sentenced Field Marshal Von List and other German Balkan commanders, declared here today that he was standing by his criticisms of the Allied trials.

He had said the prosecution in the German war crimes trials "failed to attain an objectivity aloof from vindictiveness and from personal ambitions for conviction."

Earlier, Justice James T. Brand, of the Oregon Supreme Court, his predecessor as presiding Judge at Nuremberg, had declared that Judge Wennerstrum's criticisms were "a great disservice to the Government."—Reuter.

## ANTARCTIC DISPUTE RUMOURS

London, Feb. 24.—Informed naval circles said today that the British cruiser Nigeria might not arrive before the week-end disputed Deception Island.

These circles added that the Nigeria may be expected tomorrow in Port Stanley. There she will stay for at least 24 hours for refuelling. The commander of the ship (Capt. D. L. Moore) is expected to use the time for a prolonged conference with the Governor of the Falklands, Mr. Miles Clifford.

After refuelling, the Nigeria will continue her trip together with the sloop Snipe, which has a much slower speed and which will considerably slow down the trip to Antarctica.

It is generally assumed in London that the Argentine Navy may have left Deception Island waters before the Nigeria's arrival. Political circles point out, however, that the presence of Argentine ships in Antarctic waters is quite "immortal" to the cruiser's mission, which is to give the Falklands Governor any assistance he needs.

**Rumours in Circulation**

The delay in the British answer to Chile and Argentina has given rise to various rumours as to the alleged contents of the notes now in preparation. Thus, it is asserted that Britain would suggest a big international conference on the Antarctic, just as an alternative but as an addition to the British proposal to submit the matter to the International Court at The Hague.

The rumours suggest that Britain might be able to bring three British Dominions into the conference if it is called, especially Australia, which is interested.

Other conference participants might be Norway, France and the United States, besides the interested Latin-American countries.

There is no official confirmation that such a conference is planned.—United Press.

## CRASH OVER DAVAO

### ENGINE TROUBLE RESPONSIBLE

Mauii, Feb. 24.—Engine trouble is believed by the management to have been the cause of the Commercial Airlines plane crash on Sunday morning over Mati Airfield, in Davao, which claimed the lives of 13 persons, including six children and the pilot, Captain A. Puenaventura, a veteran Philippine Army Air Force officer.

The children, sons of wealthy Davao families, had gone aloft for a brief spin in the sky, all for fun. The ill-fated flight was part of an aviation educational programme in Davao.

The airfield itself was inaugurated only last Thursday.

An official report on the cause of the accident is expected to be made public in the near future.

This was the Commercial Airlines' first accident in three years, and it was emphasised that the flight was not a regular schedule hop.—

## Cocktail Party & Tennis Films

A large gathering of tennis players and followers of the game were entertained at the Jacobean Room, Hongkong Hotel last evening when Messrs M. McMaster and D. Blacklock, Directors of Slazengers, Ltd., were hosts.

Following cocktails, three interesting films were shown. The audience saw a colour film of the 1946 Davis Cup Challenge Round between Australia and the United States played at Melbourne, a black and white film of the Wimbledon meeting, and another depicting how the Slazengers' Australian factories converted themselves from peace-time to wartime production.

The hosts were introduced by Mr John Pennington. Mr Blacklock informed in a brief speech that it was hoped to arrange for Australia's Davis Cup team this year to visit Hongkong as well as Malaya after they had competed in the tournament.

# FRANCO REPORTEDLY CONTEMPLATING CABINET SHAKE-UP

Madrid, Feb. 24.—Well-informed political sources said today that Generalissimo Franco is seriously contemplating a sweeping Cabinet shake-up shortly. These sources said that the changes would affect almost all portfolios, possibly with the only exception of the post of Foreign Affairs.

Franco believes that his team should be replaced with new blood, and injected with fresh spirit harmonising somewhat more closely with the postwar political and economic patterns of Western Europe.

The sources said that the efforts of the new government will be directed at Spain's eventual inclusion in the European recovery programme.

It is learned that the Minister of the Interior, Blas Perez Gonzalez, recently had two long interviews with Franco, lasting five and a half hours on this particular subject.

At last Friday's Cabinet meeting, changes were not discussed, but due to Franco's attitude towards the general management of affairs, the sources said the Minister obtained the impression that the Caudillo is contemplating new government designs.

It is recalled that changes were never discussed or announced at Cabinet meetings. The rule in the past has been that Ministers are told of their appointment or dismissal when it is published in the official gazette.

**Possible Vice-President**

The sources said that Franco is studying the advisability himself of remaining chief of the state, but would appoint a vice-president in the government who would preside at Cabinet meetings to report directly to Franco. Franco would preside over more important meetings.

The sources said it is most likely that the candidate for the vice-presidency today is Blas Perez Gonzalez, former professor of law at Madrid University and a 100 percent Francoite. He has been collaborating with Franco since the start of the civil war in 1936 when he was the juridical successor of Franco's headquarters at Salamanca.

The sources said that Franco might even decide to appoint a head of the government instead of a vice-president and he would remain chief of the state, thus taking the lead in the administration of routine matters. They stressed that this is how the situation appears at this moment, but that it was subject to change because the truth is that one boss, Francisco Franco, is running Spain.—United Press.

## DRAIN ON DOLLAR RESERVES

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Only when costs of raw materials rise or wage increases accord with the Government's new policy will any change in these prices be approved.

"In considering applications for increased wages, we shall take a very austere line on profits," Mr Wilson told a press conference.

Lord Pakenham, in his statement in the House of Lords, said the country was making a real response to the demands for greater production.

So long as there was a reasonable hope of Marshall aid, Britain had declined to take extreme measures of austerity.

"But we have made calculations regarding the steps which would have to be taken if the worst came to the worst,"—Reuter.

## U.S. POLICY ON PALESTINE

(Continued from Page 1)

mate killing, intensifying to such an extent as to make possible the kind of outrage perpetrated two days ago in the very centres of modern Jerusalem.

"Nevertheless, according to an estimate of the mandatory power, a force of 1,000 non-Jewish non-Arab special police is considered as a minimum sufficient to cope with the preservation of law and order in the area of the city after the termination of the mandate."

M. Lisicki said those who ignored advice not to embitter the already explosive situation were trifling with the peace of the world.

Should the security aspect prove inapplicable, "what use would there be in considering other difficulties still in store?" he asked.—Reuter.

### TRUMAN'S ENDORSEMENT

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Truman, in a statement made on board his yacht in the Caribbean, unanimously endorsed Mr. Austin's statement on Palestine before the Security Council today, calling it an accurate representation of the United States Government's views.

"The Palestine problem has been and is the deep concern of this Government. It had been most



## Removal Of Dock Leads To Protest

London, Feb. 24.—A strong protest against the removal by the Soviet authorities of the Danube Steamship Company's floating dock at Vienna at a time when the Company's assets were under discussion by the Foreign Ministers' Deputies, was made today by the British delegate to the Austrian Deputies' conference here.

Mr. James Marforbanks, the British delegate, who was in the chair, declared that the British Government "would strongly deplore any attempt to prejudice the outcome of our discussions to the extent of actually removing such property from Austria, and thereby transferring it from one category to another at the very time when the deputies are seeking to work out a settlement."

The British authorities in Vienna, he said, had been told that the Soviet Government had removed the dock, the only one of its kind in Austria, downstream to Hungary.

The American deputy, Mr. Samuel Reber, supporting the British protest, declared that the incident raised the whole question of fixing a date after which no German assets owned by the Soviet Government in Austria should be removed until a four-power agreement had been reached.

### Relevance Denied

Denying the relevance of the protest, the Soviet deputy, M. Koktimov, said that in any case he considered it premature to conclude that the Soviet Government intended to transfer this asset from the category inside Austria—in which 25 percent of the company's assets were claimed, to the category outside Austria—in which 100 percent was claimed.

The deputies spent the rest of the meeting working in detail through the proposed Soviet claims on oil extraction, exploration rights and the period over which these were claimed, in an attempt to find out what assets would be affected.

The Soviet deputy defended the Soviet claim for a 50-year oil concession by stating that this was based on international precedent, and not on Austrian precedent.

### Austrian Refineries

During a discussion on the Soviet claim to the Austrian refinery capacity of 450,000 tons of crude oil annually, the British, French and United States deputies pressed for an exact statement on what plant would be affected, on the ground that in several cases the interests of their own nationals were affected.

The Soviet deputy said the Soviet claim was based on the refining capacity now in Austria, and made allowance for a looted plant already returned to France by Austria since 1945.

The deputies will meet again tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

### Answers

- Canada.
- France.
- The Sahara Desert.
- King Gustav V of Sweden.
- On April 10, 1900, with the purchase of the U.S. Holland, 0. Greenland, with only 0.6 persons per square mile.

## OUTWARD MAIRS

Unless otherwise stated, registered airmail and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. the previous day.

**CLOSING TIMES** BY AIR  
Canton 1 p.m.  
Luchow, Kunming, Amoy, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hankow, Tsingtao, and Peiping 3.30 p.m.

**CLOSING TIMES** BY SEA & TRAIN  
Swatow (Sea) 1 p.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Japan (Cable) letters and cards only  
(Sea) 1 p.m.  
Macao, Tsinhai & Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
Sikki, Macassar and Sourabaya (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Macao, Tsinhai & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Kwangtung (Sea) 5 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

**CLOSING TIMES** BY AIR  
Shanghai 9 a.m. (reg): 0.30 a.m. (ord).  
Manila, 11.30 a.m.  
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Poona, Peking, Canton, Ningbo, Hankow, Tsinling, Peting, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Kwelin 3.30 p.m.

**CLOSING TIMES** BY AIR & TRAIN  
Canton 1 p.m.  
Macao, Tsinhai & Shekki 8 a.m.  
Bangkok, Mauritius, South Africa via Durban and Mombassa (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Manila (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Manila (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
Formosa, Keelung (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Macao, Tsinhai & Shekki 4 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 4 p.m.

**CLOSING TIMES** BY AIR  
Shanghai and Amoy, 9 a.m. (reg): 0.30 a.m. (ord).  
Bangkok, Ningbo, Calcutta, Karachi, Bailein, Cairo (Nabro), Johannesburg & Marselles via Colpo, August and London (Khowan C.P.O.) 3 p.m.  
(G.C. 2 p.m.).  
Hainan, 2.30 p.m.  
Amoy, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hankow, Tsinling, Peting, Canton and Chungking 3.30 p.m.

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